

3. PETITIONS

INTERSECTION ROAD SAFETY CONCERN - TRAVIS COUNTRY DRIVE AND TRAVIS ROAD INTERSECTION

A petition has been received from residents of the Travis Country property subdivision outlining safety concerns at the Travis Country Drive/Travis Road intersection. A letter outlining the petition reads as follows:

“Please find enclosed a petition (the petition will be tabled at the meeting) signed by all the residents of the Travis Country property subdivision.

The residents are all extremely concerned about the safety of all people, both accessing and exiting the subdivision. Please refer to the accompanying notes on the petition, which expands on these concerns. We all know the traffic situation is only going to get worse!

The residents’ concerns have been highlighted recently by the near fatal crash at the intersection on Friday 30 June 2000.

There are approximately 120 houses in the subdivision. Over the two weekends, I have spoken with occupants of 90 of these houses. All residents from these homes were eager to sign the petition to express their concerns about the intersection safety. I was not able to make contact with 30 houses, as there was not anybody home each time I visited.

The attached petition is of almost seven pages of signatures, 125 signatures in all.

Please accept this covering letter and copies of the petition signatures, which expresses the entire subdivision’s safety concerns.

Please URGENTLY look into this situation and come up with a satisfactory resolution before any other major accident or fatality occurs.

Please forward any return correspondence to the undersigned. I am happy to be spokesperson in relation to this matter. Thank you in anticipation of your prompt assistance. I look forward to your reply.”

The prayer of the petition follows:

“We, the undersigned residents of Travis Country, wish to put on record our concerns regarding road safety at the intersection of Travis Country Drive (west entrance) and Travis Road. Our concerns have been heightened by the near fatal crash at the intersection on Friday 30 June 2000.

We are all aware of other less serious crashes and near misses at the intersection, and have all experienced the incredible frustration of lengthy delays while trying to leave Travis Country Drive to travel west on Travis Road. The problems encountered in entering the Travis Road traffic flow are compounded at rush hours, but during the weekend, major problems are encountered all day.

Travis Country is still growing, with another 100 sections currently being opened up. In the near future this fact alone is going to further compound the traffic problems. Added to this is the increasing volume of visitor traffic to the Travis Wetlands Reserve. We believe that the opening of the eastern end of Travis Country Drive onto Travis

Road, will not alleviate the problem. Traffic at this part of Travis Road travels at noticeably higher speed than in the vicinity of the western entrance to Travis Country Drive.

Traffic volumes on Travis Road will obviously increase with the opening of the latest section of the Woolston/Burwood expressway. The problems for traffic leaving Travis Country are likely to worsen correspondingly.

We believe the authorities must now take positive action to introduce some form of traffic control at the intersection of Travis Country Drive and Travis Road to improve safety for traffic leaving Travis Country. If not, it is only a matter of time until there is a fatality. We don't want it to be one of us or one of our children."

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That officers report to the Board on all traffic management issues and proposed solutions, including those for buses, pedestrians and cyclists, pertaining to access onto and from Travis Road.